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WASHINGTON.

Proceedings in Congress Yesterday.

The Cuban Question Discussed in the Senate.

Debate in the Same Body on the Eight-Hour Question.

Another Bill Introduced to Provide for Specie Payments.

Progress of the Motion on the Census Bill.

Judge Hoar Nominated to the Supreme Bench.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.

THE SENATE

met at 11 o'clock. The Journal was read and approved.

Mr. CARPENTER presented the petition of Mrs. Dr. Mary Walker, praying that she be allowed to wear the dress of her sex while practicing her profession. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CHANDLER presented a petition from the Board of Trade of Detroit, Mich., praying that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to issue bonds to the amount of $100,000,000 for the purpose of funding the floating debt. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. CARPENTER moved to take up the resolution previously offered by him, declaring that the Senate will not receive any communication from the President of the United States, or his Secretary, except such as may be communicated in writing or through the Secretary of State.

Mr. HOWARD suggested a change in that resolution, so as to make it read that the Senate will not receive any communication from the President of the United States, except such as may be communicated in writing or through the Secretary of State.

Mr. CARPENTER accepted the modification.

Mr. HOWARD suggested a further modification, so as to make it read that the Senate will not receive any communication from the President of the United States, except such as may be communicated in writing or through the Secretary of State, relating to executive business.

Mr. CARPENTER declined to accept the modification.

Mr. HOWARD suggested a change in that resolution

THE COURTS.

Proposed Suit Against the Chicago & Northwestern Railway.

Slow City Local Gas—Tournament Game—Judgments—Jury Panels Etc.

Yesterday at the Police Courts.

SUPERIOR COURT.

In Chambers—Judge Gary.

Order entered in the case of Wm. T. Thompson's Assignees vs. Thompson et al., allowing the Assignees to sell the property of the bankrupt, and directing the proceeds to be paid into court.

In Term—Judge Gary.

Motion in the case of Hall vs. Hall, for alimony, solicitor's fees, etc., overruled